

**OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

VIOLATOR:
Alvin Hershberger
A&E Kennels

Customer# 30082
License# 31-A-0213

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
3435 County Road
Sugarcreek, OH 44681

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **January 1, 2014 through January 30, 2015**, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

3.4(b) Outdoor Housing Facilities (DIRECT)

On January 1, 2014, December 23, 2014 and January 30, 2015 you failed to provide sufficient shelters for dogs to include a roof, four sides and a floor. In addition, the shelters were not large enough to allow each dog, at one time, to site, stand, and lie in a normal manner and to turn freely.

3.4(b)(4) Outdoor Housing Facilities (DIRECT)

On December 17, 2014 and January 30, 2015, you failed to provide sufficient bedding for dogs; which caused them to be at risk for cold stress during the colder and below freezing winter months. The licensee must ensure that each shelter structure is provided with an adequate amount of clean, dry bedding material if the ambient temperature is below 50 degrees. Additional clean, dry bedding is required when the temperature is 35 degrees or lower.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name and Title):

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